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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Markus P. Hehlen, et al.

Application No.: 10/073,763

Confirmation No.: 4505

Filed: 11 February 2002

Title: **Integrated Optical Isolator Array**

Group Art Unit: 2874

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)
TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment in the above-identified patent application, on the ground of failure to receive the Notice of Allowance. No fee is due for the Petition, but the appropriate fee is submitted herewith for the accompanying documents.

FACTS

The Notice of Allowance mailed on November 24, 2004 was addressed to the assignee's Palo Alto, CA address. However, the assignee had previously moved in June 2002 to its current address in Fremont, CA. A copy of the Notice of Allowance (page 1 only), obtained from the PTO's files, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

As further proof that Applicants did not receive the Notice of Allowance, attached as Exhibit B is a copy of the PTO's envelope, stamped "Forwarding Order Expired" by the U.S.

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Postal Service, and received back in the PTO on December 8, 2004. This document, too, was obtained from the PTO's files.

Applicants understand that no attempt was made by the PTO to re-mail the Notice of Allowance or to find Applicants' correct address until the Notice of Abandonment was mailed 15 months later.

The Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 2, 2006, to Assignee's correct address in Fremont, CA. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is attached as Exhibit C. This was Applicants' first notice that there was an outstanding communication from the PTO.

The attached exhibits therefore demonstrate that Applicants did not receive the Notice of Allowance.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED HEREWITH

Submitted herewith are the following documents:

1. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
2. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), as the "submission" required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114(c)
3. An Amendment.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn, and that the RCE, IDS, and Amendment be entered.

Applicants further submit that the pending claims are again in condition for allowance and thereby solicit acceptance of the claims, in light of these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 11 May 2006


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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/073,763	02/11/2002	Markus P. Hehlen	56	4505

TITLE OF INVENTION: INTEGRATED OPTICAL ISOLATOR ARRAY

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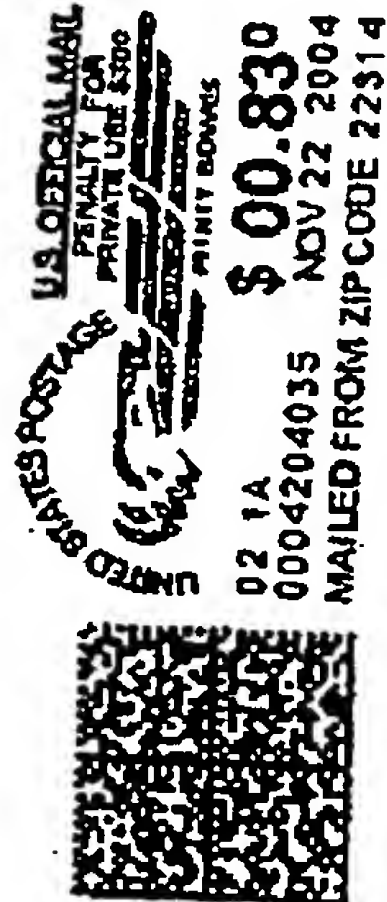
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

EXHIBIT C

PTO-90C (Rev. 10/03)

Notice of Abandonment

Application No.

10/073,763

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

Markus P. Hehlen

Art Unit

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
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 - (c) ☐ A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☒ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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